

REMARKS

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the courteous telephone interview extended to Mr. Beuerle and the undersigned on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. During the interview, it was agreed that the presently amended claims should further distinguish the claimed invention from the applied references, and should put the claimed invention in condition for allowance, pending an updated search and further review by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 3, 6, 8 and 9 stand objected to. Claims 1-4, 6, 9 and 11-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). By the present amendment, claims 1-4, 6, 9, and 11-16 have been amended and new claims 17-24 have been added. Accordingly, claims 1-4, 6, 9 and 11-24 are pending in the present application.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Drawings:

In regard to the objection to the drawings, pursuant to the Wednesday, June 14, 2006 telephone interview, replacement drawings are submitted herewith.

Claim Objections:

In regard to the claim objections, the relevant claims have been amended accordingly.

35 USC §103(a) (Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 11-16)

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The combination of Wood, Susumu, JP 11-355414, Andre, and Suso with Hao does not disclose, teach, or suggest, among other things, a mobile handset keypad including an automatic toggling between a navigation mode and an alphanumeric mode comprising a mode icon in a display indicative of the current mode that the mobile handset is in; at least

one illuminatable housing surface area, which is not a key, proximate to the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key; at least one illumination source proximate to and underlying the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area, the automatic toggling configured to illuminate the at least one illumination source for lighting the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key, without illuminating surrounding keys, and the at least one illuminatable housing surface area when in the navigation mode to indicate that the handset is in the navigation mode to a user.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the positions set forth in the present office action. For example, but not by way of limitation, Applicant respectfully disagrees that the cited sections and figures from Suso (col. 7, lines 20-34; col. 11, lines 23-36; FIGS. 3A and 8a-b) disclose an illumination source configured to distinguish between an alphanumeric mode and a navigation scheme by illuminating the integral navigation and alphanumeric key being in navigation mode. Although Suso discloses a portable information terminal unit that can operate in different modes, Suso does not disclose distinguishing between an alphanumeric mode and a navigation mode nor illuminating the integral navigation and alphanumeric key being in the navigation mode. Applicant also respectfully disagrees that the cited sections and figures from Wood (col. 2, lines 31-35; col. 2, lines 43-53, 62-64; col. 3, lines 1-7, 43-46; FIGS. 2-4) disclose an automatic toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode based upon user interaction with a plurality of menus and input data. Wood discloses a navigation key 44 that also serves as a "5" key, but does not discuss automatic toggling between the alphanumeric mode and the navigation mode based upon user interaction with a plurality of menus and input data.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

New Claims

Pursuant to the Wednesday, June 14, 2006 telephone interview with the Examiner, new claims 17-24 have been added. These claims further distinguish the claimed invention from the applied references because the applied references do not disclose, teach, or suggest a single illuminatable housing surface area that is illuminated with the at least one

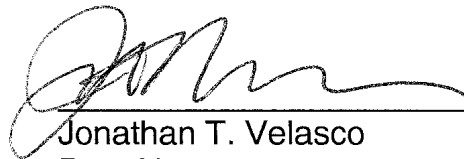
integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode (claims 17, 21), the illuminatable housing surface area having an oval configuration that is illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode (claims 18, 22), at least one illuminatable housing surface area including multiple illuminatable housing surface areas that are illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode (claims 19, 23), and the multiple illuminatable housing surface areas being illuminated with the at least one integral navigation and alphanumeric key to form an illuminated cross-like configuration when the mobile handset is in the navigation mode (claims 20, 24).

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that by the instant Amendment to the Claims and Drawings, all rejections and objections raised by the Examiner have been overcome, and all claims currently pending in the Application are now in a proper condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss this amendment in further detail, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below. Payment for two additional claims accompany the present submission. No other fee is believed due. If necessary, applicant requests, under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application and to charge the fees for a large entity under 37 CFR 1.17(a). The Director is authorized to charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s) or credit any overpayment(s) to Deposit Account No. 50-3001 of Kyocera Wireless Corp.

Respectfully Submitted,

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